

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, September 11, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell Cambridge, September 11th, 8 1876 My dear Mrs. Bell:

The wedding is over and most of the guests which filled our house to overflowing have left, and we are once more settling down to our regular pursuits. I must now thank you for the pretty shell you sent me. I have never seen any exactly like it and I value it the more that it was one of your favorites. I am glad to hear from Alec that your trip has done you so much good. This cool weather, following the dreadful heat must be very refreshing and invigorating to you as it has been to Alec. He seems brighter and better than I have seen him for a long time. We all enjoyed Mr. and Miss Symond's stay here, and were very sorry when they had to leave. Frances was very nice and pleasant and Mr. Symonds so kind and interesting. I felt as if I were losing friends of my own when they went. Did Alec tell you of they lovely embossed silver pepper pot s they gave me. I was delighted with them, and everyone thought it was so very kind in them to give them to me.

Our wedding passed off very nicely, it was a quiet one, only relatives and a few intimate friends were present, but we thought it a very pretty affair. My aunt was married in the bay window, where her eldest brother was married years ago. The window was decorated with ivies and smilax, with bunches of snowberries, a bale of white rosebuds was suspended from the centre over the heads of bride and groom, large plants of graceful ferns and profusion of flowers made the whole room look very pretty. There were no bridesmaids or groomsmen, but sister stood at Auntie's side in almost bridal dress. Alec was one of the ushers and looked very nicely indeed. We are all so proud of him, I think you would be pleased if you knew how much all of us like and admire Alec. I supposed he has told you

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all about his 2 arrangements with Mr. Watson. It seems to me already a great relief and help to him.

With love to you and Mr. Bell and kind regards to the Misses Symonds.

Affectionately yours, Mabel